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Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion which comprises subjecting (meth)acrylate containing a polyfluoroalkyl group and a polymerizable monomer free of fluorine atoms to an emulsification treatment in the presence of water, a nonionic surfactant comprising a condensation product of polyethylene oxide ($n=10-90$) and octyl phenol or nonyl phenol and a cationic surfactant, and a polypropyleneglycol-based compound having a molecular weight of 250 to 5,000, followed by copolymerization reaction in the presence of a polymerization initiator.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the (meth)acrylate containing a polyfluoroalkyl group is present in a proportion of at least 10 wt. % on the basis of the resulting copolymer.

Claim 3 (Original): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the (meth)acrylate containing a polyfluoroalkyl group is a (meth)acrylate containing

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mixed perfluoroalkyl groups including perfluoroalkyl groups having 12 or more carbon atoms as a polyfluoroalkyl group.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the polymerizable monomer free of fluorine atoms comprises at least one of (meth)acrylic acid ester, dialkyl ester ~~or vinyl ester~~ of fumaric acid or maleic acid and vinyl ester.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 4, wherein the (meth)acrylic acid ester comprises at least one of lauryl acrylate, stearyl (meth)acrylate, cyclohexyl methacrylate and benzyl methacrylate.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 5, wherein the (meth)acrylic acid ester comprises stearyl acrylate.

Claim 7 (Canceled):

Claim 8 (Previously presented): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the polypropyleneglycol-based compound comprises at least one of polypropyleneglycol, its terminal monomethyl ether and glycerin polypropyleneglycol adduct.

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Claim 9 (Original): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein a polymerizable monomer containing a cross-linkable group is further copolymerized.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 9, wherein the polymerizable monomer having a cross-linkable group is comprises at least one of acrylamide, its derivatives, and glycidyl (meth)acrylate.

Claims 11 - 14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Previously presented): A process for preparing an aqueous dispersion according to Claim 6, wherein the stearyl acrylate is used in combination with at least one of cyclohexyl methacrylate or benzyl methacrylate.